

In the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

~~—— Briefly, in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, a computer-implemented method for providing differentiated quality of service in an application server, includes: receiving a request and providing pre-determined policy data. Based on the request and policy data, a quality of service context is established and propagated with the request.~~

~~—— Briefly, in accordance with another embodiment of the invention, an article includes: a memory medium including program instructions executable to: receive a request and provide pre-determined policy data. Based on the request and policy data, a quality of service context is established and propagated with the request.~~

~~—— Briefly, in accordance with still another embodiment of the invention, a first computer system including a processor and memory storing program instructions. The processor is operable to execute the program instructions to: receive a request and provide pre-determined policy data. Based on the request and policy data, a quality of service context is established and propagated with the request.~~

A method, system and article of manufacture for providing differentiated quality of service in an application server may include receiving a request and accessing pre-determined policy data in a server system. The pre-determined policy data may depend upon the particular client sending the request. A request may include identity, role, requested service, and/or time constraint information. Based upon the request and policy data, a quality of service context may be established, possibly including service class, priority, and/or deadline attributes. The quality of service context may be propagated in the server system with the request.